

REMARKS

The review, revising and correcting of the specification has been done. The errors noted by the Examiner for page 3, line 2 and page 5, line 33 do not appear in the undersigned's file. The Examiner will, therefore, find those two words correctly typed in the Substitute Specification without any corrections thereof indicated in the Marked Specification.

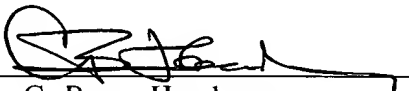
The Examiner has held that the specification does not support the claim recitations that the matrix is "substantially" water-free. Consequently, the term "substantially" has now been deleted from that recitation. Moreover, the entire recitation that the adhesive system is "substantially water-free" has been deleted as being redundant; because the free base is present in the matrix "in the absence of water," the adhesive system is necessarily water-free.

The free base, not N-023, the hydrochloride salt, is the active substance in the transdermal patches of Examples 1 and 2. The replacement sheet for Fig. 1 corrects the y-axis legend. Approval of that correction is requested.

It is believed the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if she perceives any unresolved matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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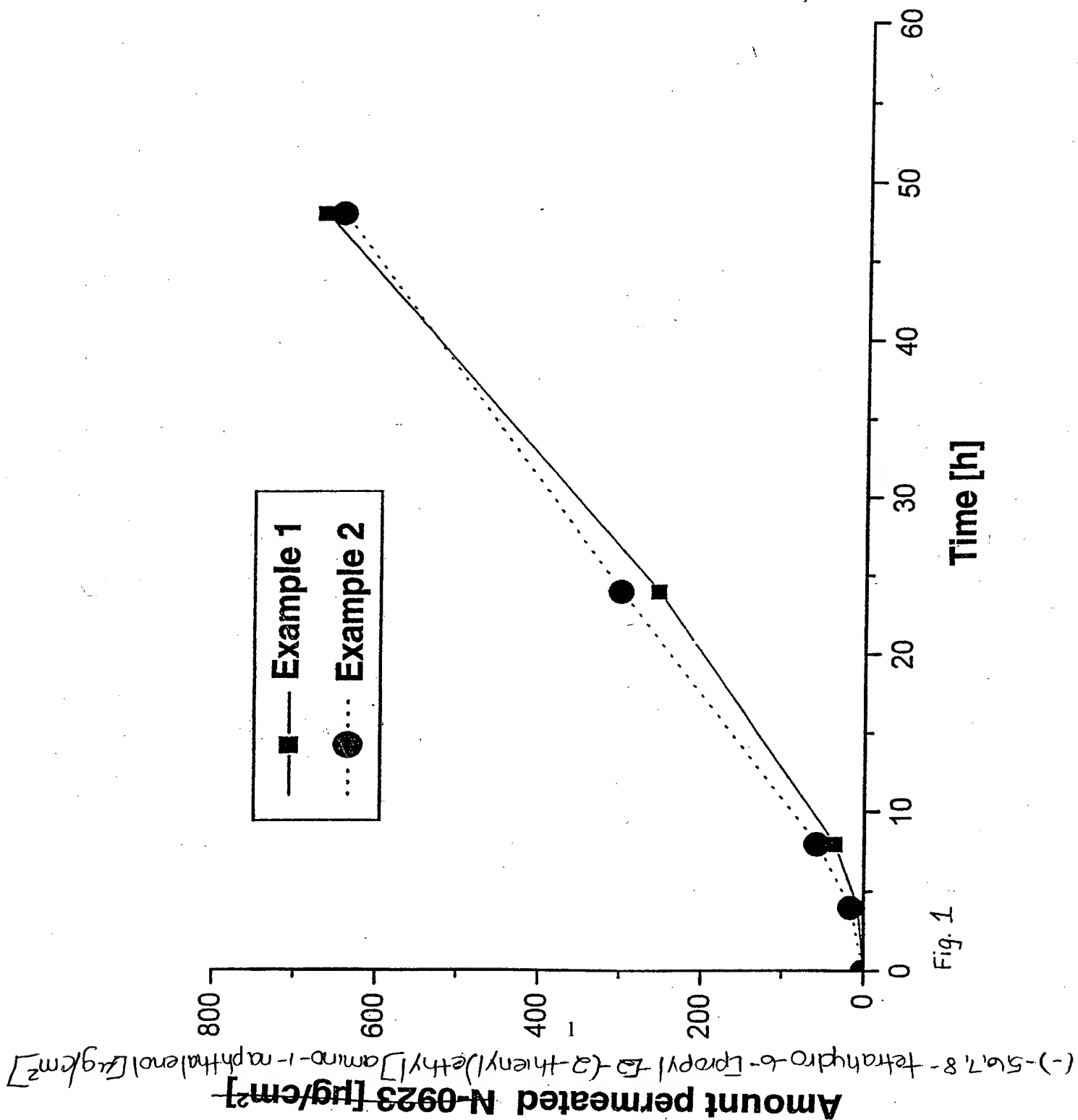


Fig. 1